

**CITY OF MONROE
RESOLUTION NO. 007/2016**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE, WASHINGTON, AUTHORIZING A PILOT PROGRAM FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS BY THE MONROE POLICE DEPARTMENT, ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT PROCESS TO PROVIDE INPUT REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF OPERATIONAL POLICIES GOVERNING THE USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS, AND REQUESTING INFORMATION REGARDING APPROPRIATE REDACTION POLICIES AND COSTS

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature enacted Chapter 163, Laws of 2016 to promote transparency and accountability by permitting access to video and/or sound recording of interactions with law enforcement officers utilizing body cameras, while preserving the public's reasonable expectations of privacy; and

WHEREAS, the law strongly encourages the adoption of an ordinance or resolution authorizing the use of body-worn cameras; and

WHEREAS, the legislature also encourages the development of a community involvement process for providing input into the development of operational policies governing the use of body-worn cameras.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Pilot Program. The City Council hereby authorizes the use of body-worn cameras through approval of a pilot program. The pilot program will include the following components:

1.1 Utilization of two (2) body-worn cameras by officers for a period of six (6) months commencing June 10, 2016.

1.2 The establishment of policies by the police department which conform to the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 163 Laws of 2016.

1.3 Utilization of a community involvement process to provide input regarding the development of and modification of operational policies governing the use of body-worn cameras by:

1.3.1 Public comment periods have been established on the May 3rd and May 10th council agenda for citizens regarding the development of existing operational policies regarding body cameras;

1.3.2 Encourage citizens to provide written input and email comments to the police department on the department's website;

1.3.3 Consider input from the Washington State Commission on African/American affairs; and the Washington State Commission on Asian/Pacific American affairs; and the Washington State Commission in Hispanic affairs in the continuing process established by statute.

1.4 The Mayor through the Police Chief is requested to research and report regarding appropriate methodologies for redaction through the alteration, restoration, pixilation, suppression, or otherwise obscuring of all or any portion of a body-worn camera recording in accordance with the provisions of RCW 42.56.240(14)(f)(ii) and report those costs to the City Council in order that it may establish a reasonable charge for the costs of redactions when permitted by the statute.

Section 2. The City Council acknowledges that body-worn camera policies of the department may trigger collective bargaining obligations and accordingly defers to the Mayor and Chief, the appropriate notification regarding and negotiation of such policies in accordance with state law.

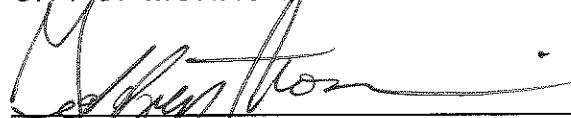
Section 3. This pilot program will sunset December 10, 2016. The City Council's authorization for the use of body-worn cameras and the continuing development and modification of policies as necessary to conform to the provisions of state law and the input received through its community involvement process shall remain in full force and effect. The Mayor and the Chief of Police are authorized to modify, extend or limit the body camera program in accordance with the Mayor's statutory authority and future council budgetary appropriations.

Section 4. Effective Date. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Monroe, at its regular meeting thereof, and APPROVED by the Mayor this 10 day of May, 2016.

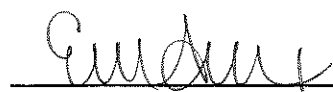
Approved: May 10, 2016
Effective: May 10, 2016

CITY OF MONROE WASHINGTON


Geoffrey Thomas, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Elizabeth M. Smoot, MMC, City Clerk